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REMARKS

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The Office action of February 27, 2007 has been carefully considered and the application has been amended accordingly.

Claims 7-12 are present in the application. Claim 12 is allowed.

Claims 7-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as their invention. The Examiner considers the phrase "much less than saturation in the steel wires", in parent claim 7, to be indefinite because it is not known how much is meant by the term "much less."

Applicants have now deleted the objectionable phrase "much less than saturation" so that claim 7 and the claims depending therefrom are no longer indefinite. As amended, parent claim 7 is equivalent in scope to allowed claim 12 in that both claims contain the recitation "induce an alternating magnetic field in the steel wires...."

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is requested and allowance of claims 7-11 along with allowed 12 is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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